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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

COAL STRIKE.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT CONFERENCE POSSIBLE.

LABOUR LEADER'S THREAT.

A GENERAL STRIKE IF NO CHANGE IN SITUATION TO-DAY.

LONDON, April 7.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George described the proceedings of the abortive conference this morning with the miners at Downing Street as a preliminary to bringing the miners and coal owners together. The Premier had appealed for a resumption of pumping but the executive had explained that the withdrawal of the pumpmen was deliberate. If they were allowed to return the miners would be throwing away the weapon on which they relied to force the mine owners and the government speedily to accept their terms. The miners' officials further declared that two fundamental principles, namely a national wage system and a national pool, must be conceded. (Cries of "direct action.") He replied that this was an ultimatum proposing conditions that the Government had already rejected, namely resumption of control and a possible subsidy.

A GRAVE DECISION.

It was apparent that the issue raised was much wider than the question of wages. (Loud Ministerial cheers.) The Government always kept an open mind on wages. (Labour cheers.) He extremely regretted the miners' grave decision, but since the Federation had made it clear that it would not consider a settlement or the saving of the mines unless all its demands were conceded, the Government was relying on the assistance of the great mass of people. (Loud cheers) and must take every means in its power to meet the situation. (Loud cheers.)

Messrs Clynes and Henderson having contended that the miners at Downing Street offered to confer with the owners without conditions, Mr. Lloyd George declared that this was inaccurate.

Mr. Henderson expressed the opinion that there had been some blunder and urged the parties to get face to face without conditions.

GOVERNMENT FIRM.

Messrs Duncan, Graham and Harbord accused the Government of putting obstacles in the way of an unconditional conference between the miners and mine owners.

Lord Robert Cecil suggested moving the adjournment of the House in order that the whole matter could be threshed out, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain consented.

Mr. Lloyd George proceeded to reiterate that until the miners' conditions were withdrawn and the miners were prepared during negotiations to sign the spirit of a truce—it was only a question of 25,000 men from over 1,000,000 in order to protect the most dangerous men—the Government must count on doing its best to save the mines by working with the owners and the assistance of well-disposed citizens.

PROSPECT OF A CONFERENCE.

Mr. Graham, continuing, appealed to the Government not to prejudice the case by insisting on conditions the miners could not accept.

Mr. Asquith expressed the opinion that the miners' executive ought to reconsider the position and asked whether the Federation was determined to postpone discussion as regards the safety of the mines until the two most vexed questions had been decided in their favour. He indicated that public opinion would not support the miners in a decision so inadvisedly taken.

Mr. Lloyd George said he understood that Mr. Thomas suggested the Government should summon a conference of the miners and owners' first to consider and dispose of the question of pumping before the other questions were considered. The Government would have no objection to partaking in such a conference if all agreed that pumping would be the first question to be discussed and disposed of. If that was the proposal the Government was agreeable to summon a conference.

A MOMENTOUS STATEMENT.

Mr. Henderson, replying as Mr. Thomas had left the House, declared that in view of the momentous character of the Premier's statement the only safe line was for the Premier to communicate his statement by letter to the officials.

Reuter learns that there is every likelihood that the offer will be accepted.

A feature of the discussion was the conciliatory tone and the evident dislike of Messrs Clynes, Henderson, and Thomas as regards the pumping decision. The fact that Mr. Hodges, after interviewing a number of Labour members, talked to the Premier occasioned a hope in the Lobby of a possibility of fresh change in the situation, although the Labour leaders declared that if there was no change by noon to-morrow a general strike was inevitable.

GRAVE MISTAKE IN PSYCHOLOGY.

London, April 7.

According to the official report of the conference between the Premier and the miners the former pointed out that it was not the flooding of the mines that had driven him to negotiate but the knowledge that if repeated strikes were to continue the industrial position of the country would be absolutely destroyed like that of Russia. Mr. Herbert Smith and other leaders retorted that it was not a strike but a lockout. They insisted on the concession of a national wage board and a national pool before they could allow any, even the "safety," men to resume work.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain joined in the Premier's appeal not to destroy the nation.

Mr. Lloyd George said that the decision of the Federation was one of the gravest mistakes in psychology ever made. As leaders of a great organisation they had misunderstood their fellow-countrymen. If they thought that threats would frighten them no government could possibly recommend acceptance of their conditions.

MINERS SING HYMNS.

London, April 7.

While the miners' executive is obdurate in rejecting the Premier's appeal to prevent the destruction of the mines, reports from Scotland and Wales to-day show that an intensive campaign of intimidation is proceeding with a view to stopping every pump. Bombs were thrown in a colliery near Bonsell in order to terrify volunteer pumpmen. No damage was done but the volunteers were withdrawn. Crowds headed by bands and pipers secured a stoppage of pumps in other districts. The miners in Wales marched to the work of intimidation singing to the music of brass bands and carrying red flags. Five thousand miners sang hymns while awaiting the manager of the Waterton colliery near Cardiff. They secured an undertaking that pumping would be stopped and threatened violence if the volunteers did not clear out. Seven pits are reported to have been flooded in the Rhondda district alone. Reports are also coming in of the closing of shipbuilding and engineering works.

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DR. SUN YAT-SEN ELECTED.

JUBILATION IN CANTON.

Under the heading "Dr. Sun Yat-sen unanimously elected President of China," the "Canton Times" says—

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the first President of the Republic has again been called to serve the Republic of China, as President, by an overwhelming vote at the opening of the Extraordinary Session of the legal Parliament yesterday afternoon. Of the 222 members of Parliament present at yesterday's session, 218 of them vote in favour of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. One vote was informal. General Chen Chiang-ming received the three remaining votes.

The session was presided over by Mr. Lin Sun, speaker of the Senate. A motion made by a member to have the Military Government reorganized into the legal Government of China, was seconded, and put to the vote with the result that it was unanimously passed.

Our contemporary goes on to say that "When the result was announced all expressed their joy by acclamation and stamping of feet. Immediately news of the election was flashed to the Chinese in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Shanghai and all other cities in China. News-carriers rushed the news all over the city which was received with great jubilation by the people. Firecrackers were set off by the different public organisations, shops and government offices, while people were shaking hands with each other on the streets congratulating themselves on the election of this popular statesman and leader of young China."

Dr. Sun Yat-sen was in his private office when he was informed of the result of the election by some of his intimate colleagues. He received the news very calmly, turning around to his colleagues and in a grave tone achieved this humorous effect: "There is hope for China." The responsibilities entrusted upon our shoulders by the people are great. It means that we must work harder and fight for the Constitutional Cause with a determined will."

So that's that. And away up there in the North, hoary old Peking went about its business as usual.

"BRAWLING SAILORS."

Our article entitled "Brawling Sailors" seems to have annoyed two men of the Navy. One, a petty officer, who should really have known better, found ground for offence in the expression "simple sailor," overlooking that it was merely a reference to the fact that on a point of law they have not the knowledge of a sophisticated lawyer. Probably this petty officer knows only the one (colloquial) meaning for the word "simple." If he regain his temper and make simple enquiry with a simple mind, he will discover that the expression was more respectful than disrespectful. His garrulous and none too well-expressed letter cannot be printed for the reason that it would revive ill-feelings that our object was to smooth over and obliterate.

The second letter is a much more ignorant production, and amazingly abusive. It is signed "True British" and sent in anonymously—which is not "True British." He pretends our religion to be "Protestant" and is sure we are (sic) "Pharisees." He has the impudence to allege that our direct intention is to divide and weaken the British Empire, while "as to educating the Navy this statement is not one of good will but a soft measure of showing prejudice from a bad mind." He reminds us (as if we ever forgot it) that "it is enterprises of the British army and navy that has enabled you and others to live in splendour and luxury." Speaking for the navy, this gentleman says "we wish that you would educate your mean principles, divert your energies to the poor Chinese, instead of insulting 'good men'." When we think of our motives in writing that article, of our life-long admiration for our naval men, and when we recall the lavish expressions of that admiration in that and other articles we have written, we sigh at the perversity or want of understanding that could produce such unjust criticism. When we think of all we have done to fight for Jack's rights, pay conditions, etc., we are tempted to dub him ungrateful. But we know what the matter is. It is lack of education. We freely forgive these two lads, and wish them well.

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MARRIAGE.

HUGGETT-HORN.—On Wednesday, March 30, 1921, at Shanghai, William Henry Cooper Huggett, to Grace Minnie Horn, both of Vancouver, B.C.

DEATHS.

STAVE.—On March 28, 1921, at Chefoo, Paul Stave, aged 45 years.

DERBY.—On March 31, 1921, at Shanghai, Alfred Derby, aged 49 years.

LAWRENCE.—On April 1, 1921, at Shanghai, Louise Lawrence, aged 3 years.

The China Mail.
"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1921.

LET'S GO PROSPECTING.

There are minerals in the New Territories. The Economic Resources Commission says so. The committee reporting on mining and minerals had Sir Paul Chater for chairman, and they say our colony can produce copper, silver, lead, tin, wolfram, and iron ore. They recommend that no charge be made for the right to prospect. Your proposal to abolish royalties would, we take it, be a good thing for that company, which has, your report states, a deposit of iron ore of large extent and excellent quality. What? Do we understand that the Government has already waived them in your case? Then you are merely recommending that new miners should have a privilege you already enjoy? What do you think of their chances outside the leases held by the N.T. Concessions Ltd.? No. You are not obliged to answer that question, if you do

not wish to. Could you tell us, offhand, how much of the New Territories has been reserved or held on prospecting leases by that company? Yes. We do think it relevant, or we would not have asked it. So, or somewhat so, we might have cross-examined the witness. But as he was chairman, and thus a report which does not tell us anything like all that we would wish to know, we may as well shut up. In any case, whether the Government "encourages" us or not, we shall not go prospecting, for we share the suspicious nature of unregenerate men, and conclude that anything worth going after has not been left lying about for such as we.

RATES AND DUTIES.

Astonishment! Dismay! The extraordinary, sudden, unexpected increase of duties on liquors and tobacco (up more than one hundred per cent.) and the clapping of seven per cent. on property assessments, made Hongkong buzz last night. It was interesting to be amongst the people, watching how various men took the news. What do they (the Government) want the money for? That was one of the first questions, and they answered it themselves, by talking of extravagant expenditure for the benefit of hill-top motorists. And so on. You have heard them, have probably helped them, and can guess how that talk went. But then, in the torrent of hot-air, it was possible to see a swift look of realization come into the calculating faces of business men. You could see them back water, sit up, and look round. "But," they would then say solemnly, "this is serious. This means rents up, and wages will have to rise."

That does not operate until July 1st—the 20 per cent. assessment, instead of the present Thirteen—but July is not far off, and it is possible to foresee most of what must happen. It affects the coolie who shares a cubicle as well as the clerk who rents a flat or the taipan who leases a mansion.

The employer of labour is much worried about it. Already wages are declared to be much higher than in Canton, much higher than the business will afford, and now there will be fresh demands that cannot be ignored. Down go his gains, and up his prices, and the cost of living all round takes another jump.

The import duty on liquors and tobacco is boosted bang off by more than a hundred per cent. This evokes the most bitter comments. This touches the people on the raw. Why should smokers and drinkers be especially victimized to make it easier for the Government to continue its extravagance? And so on.

One gentleman of a practical turn of mind, one who prides himself that he has no use for anything but "constructive criticism," made a suggestion to a *China Mail* representative who happened to be present at this particular street corner parliament. "Request the people," he said, "to quit drinking and smoking for two months, so as to bring the Government to its senses." This touches the most bitter comments. This touches the people on the raw. Why should smokers and drinkers be especially victimized to make it easier for the Government to continue its extravagance? And so on.

Six people trapped in a burning building in Shanghai were burned to death before the Fire Brigade had a chance of rescuing them. The fire had started underneath the only staircase in the house and the six people were unable to get out. They were a man, three women and two children.

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The most elaborate precautions are being taken to ensure the safety of the Crown Prince. At Hongkong there were preliminary landings without the Prince in order to test the safety of the place, and the same thing has happened at Singapore, where the crowds who assembled were disappointed, the officials themselves did not seem to know when the landing was to take place and his Imperial Highness eventually went ashore early next morning. It was against this sort of thing that Japanese papers warned the various officials accompanying the Crown Prince as likely to destroy all beneficial effect of the visit on public opinion in Europe, says the *Japan Chronicle*.

SPECIAL CABLES.

BOLSHEVIE SCARE.

POST OFFICE CENSORSHIP.

UNDERGROUND PROPAGANDA FEARED.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, April 8.

The Post Office is censoring Bolshevik literature from southern sources preaching the overthrow of the property system. The Arsenal authorities are watchful. Underground propaganda is believed to be progressing.

SPRING RACES.

ENTRIES SHOW A SLIGHT DECREASE.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, April 8.

The entries for the spring races have slightly decreased in comparison with last year.

A HISTORY OF SHANGHAI.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, April 8.

Publication has been completed of a history of Shanghai under the joint authorship of Messrs. G. Lanning and S. Couling.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.E. the Governor left for the North this morning on board H.M.S. "Cairo."

At 12.30 to-day the Hon. Dr. Claud Severe took the oath on assuming the duties of officer administering the Government.

Among the passengers whole fit the Colony by the s.s. "Monteagle" yesterday, is Inspector John Orr of the Hongkong Police who is going home on well earned leave.

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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY.

HONORARY DEGREE FOR DR. JORDAN.

At a special congregation of the University of Hongkong held yesterday afternoon the new Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Brunyate, K.C.M.G., was installed and the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on the acting Vice-Chancellor, Dr. G. P. Jordan, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S., who is retiring.

The great hall of the University was crowded with students, past graduates, and visitors. The Band of the Wiltshires was in attendance. After tea had been served the degree ceremony commenced with the procession from the Chancellor's Room to the Hall in the following order:

His Excellency the Chancellor (Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.); The Vice-Chancellor; Prof. G. P. Jordan, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S.; The Vice-Chancellor, The Treasurer; The Dean, Medical Faculty; The Dean, Engineering Faculty; The Dean, Arts Faculty; The Registrar; The Hon. Dr. Claud Severe; Right Rev. Bishop Pozzani; H.E. Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick; His Honour H. H. Compton; Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock; Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp; Hon. Mr. Lau Chik Pak; Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp; Hon. Mr. Ho Fook; Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak; Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer; Mr. G. T. Edkins; Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving; Rev. Robert Ho Tang; Hon. Mr. S. B. C. Ross; Mr. Ho Kom Tong; Sir Ellis Kadore; Mr. Chan Siu Ki; Hon. Mr. W. H. Bird; Mr. S. W. Tso; Mr. Ho Kwong; Rev. E. L. Martin; Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce; Dr. C. Forsyth; Dr. W. V. M. Koch; Dr. C. W. McKenna; Prof. G. T. Byrne; Prof. D. C. H. Florence; Prof. L. Forster; Prof. C. Y. Wang; Mr. P. Takai; Mr. R. K. M. Simpson; Mr. R. H. Kotewale; Mr. Chow Shou Son; Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn; Mr. M. H. Rofey; Mr. J. Ring; Mr. R. W. Robertson; Mr. R. L. Barney; Mr. M. Danster; Mr. Lai Chi Hui; Mr. Au Tai Tim; Dr. J. Fenlon; Mr. B. G. Birch.

The Registrar (Dr. Teesdale Macintosh) read the resolution of appointment of Sir William Brunyate yesterday, as Inspector John Orr of the Hongkong Police who is going home on well earned leave.

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It is with the utmost diffidence that I rise for the first time to address this University as its Vice-Chancellor. In the first place, I have very present to my mind the personality of my predecessor. In Sir Charles Elliott, I have been the head of a financial department and I am alive to all the financial objections to such a procedure, but, speaking as a private individual, one cannot but admire the courage of those men, and I rather doubt whether there is any other procedure by which it would be possible to obtain from a liberal Government a further endowment—(Laughter)—exceeding in amount the total resources with which the University was first launched on its career.

(Applause)—I am able, your Excellency, to say that a repetition of anything of the kind has been effectively

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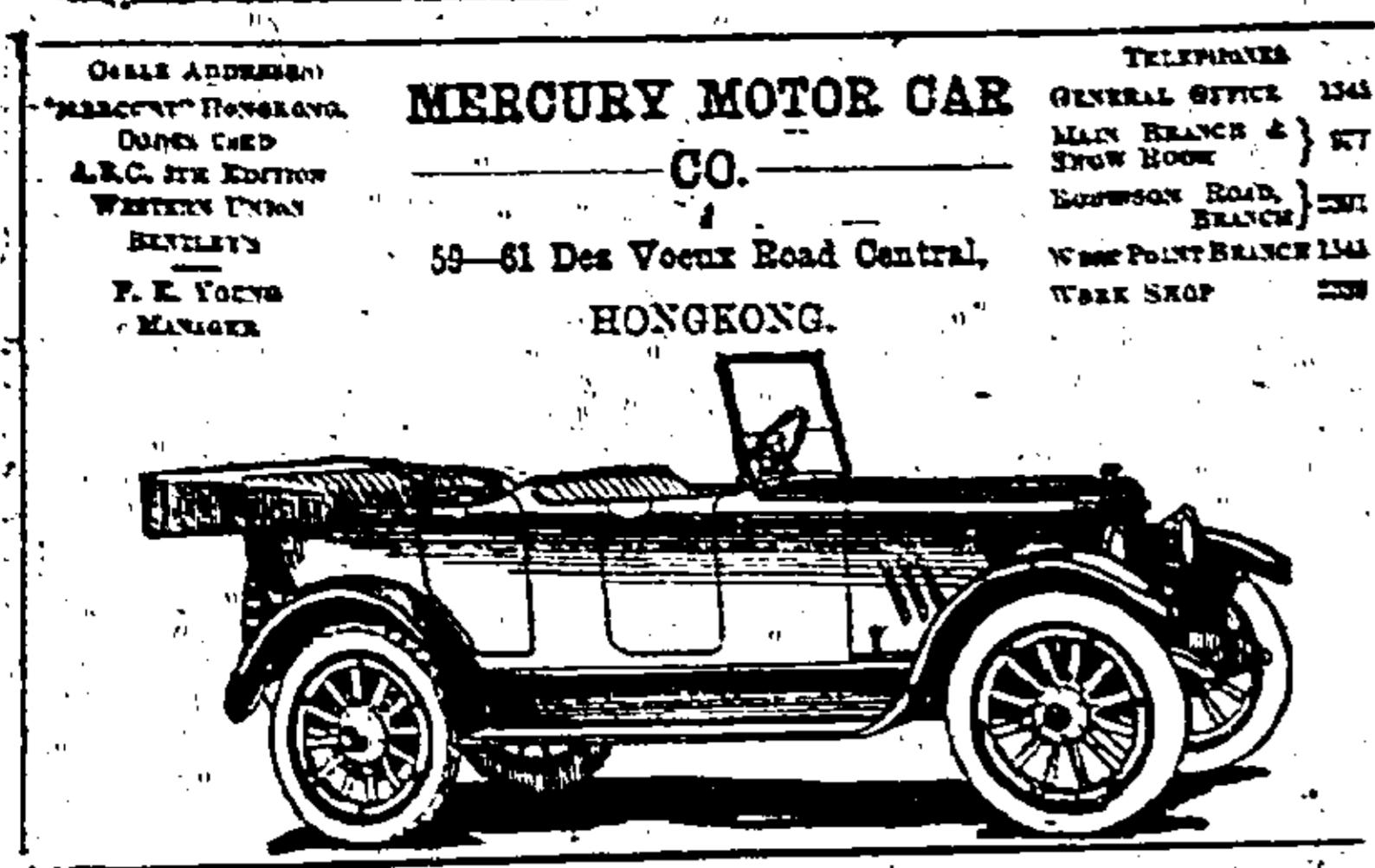
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TOBACCO DUTY.

REGULATION INFRINGED.

DEALER FINED.

The proprietor of the Yuen Tai King shop of Wing Lok Street, West, was this morning summoned before Magistrate Orme charged at the instance of Revenue Officer Watt with having committed a breach of his licence with regard to a case of cigars.

The prosecution stated that the defendant obtained a permit to remove 3,200 cigars from the warehouse of the Oriental Tobacco Co. at Yau Ma Tei, and export them to Bangkok by the "Sado Maru." Instead of putting the cigars on board the ship, the defendant removed them to his shop.

The defendant said that he was merely storing the cigars in his shop pending the arrival of the junk to remove them to the ship.

Remarking that there was no reason for removing the cigars across the harbour when they could have been deposited on the ship direct from Yau Ma Tei, the Magistrate fined the defendant \$250 and ordered the confiscation of the cigars which were valued at \$400.

WUCHOW NEWS.

RIVER'S RECORD FALL.

STEAMER STRANDED.

Advice from Wuchow state that there has been an unprecedented fall in the level of the river for this time of the year. At the second bar there is only eight feet of water. Consequently, ships cannot proceed beyond the second bar until the water rises. One steamer coming down the river did attempt the passage of the bar but touched bottom and remained aground for forty hours.

STEAM LAUNCH FIRED ON.

Just below Wuchow a steam launch carrying passengers and cargo for the s.s. "Kochow" was fired upon by a party of about fifteen Chinese soldiers. The launch itself was flying the Chinese flag but the cargo boats in tow the British flag. A Chinese member of the Cantonese theatrical troupe, who was shot in the thigh was removed to the Tung Wah Hospital on the arrival of the "Kochow" in port last night.

STRANGE LUGGAGE.

ARMS IN FALSE BOTTOM.

OPUM IN BISCUIT PACKET.

Sergt. Dick this morning charged a travelling trader before Magistrate Orme with the unlawful possession of seven tael of prepared non-Government opium hidden in a packet of biscuits and 203 rounds of ammunition concealed in the false bottom of a basket he attempted to carry aboard the s.s. "Sanning" yesterday. The accused said that he was carrying the basket for a man who absconded when the police intervened. He did not know the contents of the basket. The Magistrate passed sentence of 3 months' hard labour for possession of the opium and imposed a fine of \$450, or a further three months', for possession of the ammunition. The contraband was confiscated.

SHRUNK MILLIONS.

LEGACIES REDUCED.

U.S. PRICE-LANDSLIDE.

Starting revelations of the full meaning of the expression "shrinkage of values," which has been on the lips of all sections of the public since the landslide in prices began, is furnished by the report of the chairman of the Finance Committee of Princeton University to the effect that a legacy of \$4,000,000 left to that institution by the late Mr. Henry Frick, the steel magnate, had dwindled by 68 per cent.

Mr. Frick left altogether \$12,000,000 to various charitable and other institutions. Partly owing to heavy taxes, but mainly because of the extraordinary decline in the values of securities, the amount now available for distribution, on winding up the estate, has shrunk by more than 60 per cent.

Mr. Frick's daughter should have inherited \$150,000 in cash, apart from real estate, but actually she will receive only \$50,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

A SERIOUS ACCUSATION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir.—It is my painful duty to draw the attention of the Hongkong public to a phase of local sporting life which must be repugnant to all true sportsmen and which is intolerable to right-minded men. Without beating about the bush, let me say now, and prove to you later, that the three members of the Hongkong Cricket Club responsible for the selection of the XI to represent this Colony in Interport Cricket at Shanghai have apparently allowed the question of "colour" to interfere with their judgment. It would have been thought that, in view of the disability of many sterling players to participate, the best men available would be chosen. But the best men available are not chosen, simply because some of them happen to be of the Chinese or the Indian race. As a sportsman, let me take strong exception to such an outrageous misconception of sportsmanship, and publish that I, for one, am no party to such an infamous procedure.

Now to prove my contention. Out of the ten men already selected there are three—two officers and a civilian—whose claim to interport honours is doubtful, and who, through no fault of their own it must be conceded, have usurped the places that should be allotted to two players of the Chinese and Indian Recreation Club respectively. Consideration for others does not permit me to mention names; but the public knows instinctively to whom I refer. My authority for making this assertion is based upon the bowling and batting averages of the Cricket League that has just been concluded. What other authority that is equally satisfactory, I cannot conceive. According to the batting average, the Indian player stands third on the list and the place of the Chinese player is fourth. The two players with better averages cannot leave for Shanghai. The Indian is also a slow, tricky bowler with a very good bowling average. With the elimination of the two Cricketers with the best batting averages, the Asiatics stand first and second on the batting list. By right of achievement, they ought to be in the team. But they are not selected. I challenge all and sundry to give a satisfactory reply.

On the other hand, as I have stated, there are at least three players who have managed to climb into the fold. It is patent to all cricketers and cricket enthusiasts that although the civilian carries a straight bat, his batting average is only half that of the Indian player, and that the former cannot, by any stretch of imagination on our part, be called a bowler. As to the Army players, they have done nothing notable in "League matches." It is also known that one of them has not even the alertness of youth to recommend him and that the other's average is negligible. Then why are they selected? The only answer is this, that they happen to be "white men"; and only "white men" are wanted to represent Hongkong in Shanghai—if it can be managed.

The irony of it all lies in the fact that invitations were addressed to all Cricket Clubs, irrespective of nationality, to forward the names of those who can leave for Shanghai in case they are selected. To my certain knowledge, the names of the Chinese and Indian to whom I have referred were duly sent by their Clubs. But it does not seem to fit in with the local scheme or idea of things to consider the merits of those who are not "white" in spite of the fact that they are sterling sportsmen. If this disgraceful state of affairs is to continue, then a sportsman in Hongkong must be a rare bird!

Yours etc.,

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SPORT.

BOXING.

SEASON'S LAST TOURNAMENT.

SOME INTERESTING BOUTS.

The Hongkong Boxing Association's last tournament of the season has been advertised to take place at the Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, on Saturday, April 16, commencing at 9 p.m. The programme contains six interesting bouts all of which should produce some fine sport.

The main bout of the evening will be a 15-round contest for the Heavyweight Championship of the Colony between Pte. N. Wilkins, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. "Hawkins," Heavyweight Champion of the China Fleet, who had to dispose of 36 opponents to secure the title, and "Peggy" Evans, also of the "Hawkins." Both have been seen in the ring here before, and require very little introduction to local patrons of the sport. A good fight is anticipated. As on the previous occasions, the main bout will be staged immediately after the interval in order to allow Kowloon and Peak residents sufficient time to catch the last ferry and car home.

The other five bouts will be of six rounds duration. This was decided upon principally because it was thought that after six rounds, a bout becomes not so much a contest of skill, but a test of endurance.

The programme will include a Middleweight Contest between Stoker McDonald of the "Titania" and Leading Stoker Jones of the "Ambrose." McDonald recently defeated A. B. Bowdidge, the well known Middleweight, once champion of Wales, while Jones is a good man who has acted as sparring partner to Joe Beckett. This event will be worth watching.

Ldg. Seaman Burns, of H.M.S. "Alacrity," will oppose Corp'l Nye, of the Wiltshire Regt. They are both featherweights and have met before and have always put up a fast, keen, contest with plenty of hard hitting.

Other events include a Lightweight contest between A. B. McBride, of H.M.S. "Hawkins," and Pte. Darbyshire of the Wiltshire Regt.; a Welterweight Contest between Stoker Skinner, of H.M.S. "Titania" (winner of the Novices' Welterweight competition at Weihaiwei, 1920) and A. B. Bolland, of H.M.S. "Hawkins," and a Lightweight Contest between Private Richard, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and A. B. Popple, of H.M.S. "Titania."

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ORDERS BY LIEUT-COLONEL L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.

1. Parades.

The Corps will parade as STRONG AS POSSIBLE on Monday, 11th instant at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters.

DRESS as published in last week's orders.

Other parades during Week Ending 16th April will be held in accordance with Programme of Work.

2. Cadet Company.

PARADE. Company will parade at Headquarters on Monday, 11th instant, at 5.30 p.m. All N.C. Os. and Cadets must attend.

Dress: Drill Order with Helmets.

3. Mounted Infantry Section.

Parade at Polo Ground, Causeway Bay, on Friday, 15th April, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Optional.

4. Promotions.

The following promotions will take effect from this date.

SCOTTISH COMPANY.

To be Sergeant Piper.

No. 248 Private J. B. Ross.

To be Sergeant.

No. 120 Corp'l. J. Balston.

No. 303 Private E. J. Brown.

To be Corporal.

No. 162 L/Corp'l. D. J. Purves.

M.C.

No. 143 Private D. J. Valentine.

M.C.

No. 21 Private F. C. Goodman.

To be Lance Corporal.

No. 186 D/G. Nisell.

G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt.-Major.

Adjutant, H. K. Y. D. Corps.

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The General Officer Commanding

hopes that all Britons who served in

the War, and who are now in Civil life

in Hongkong, will meet in his office at

Victoria Barracks, at 5.30 p.m. on

Friday, 15th April, 1921, to consider a

matter of common interest.

2. At the Royal Artillery Sports to

be held on 14th instant the following

event is open to members of the Corps

1 Mile.

Race to be run at 8.40 p.m.

Hongkong, April 8, 1921.

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COAL STRIKE

London, April 7th.
The conference between the Premier and the miners' Executive lasted an hour and a half and then broke down. The hoped-for meeting of the owners' representatives will not take place.

The conference between the Premier and the miners' Executive broke down because the miners were unable to agree to instruct pumpmen to return to work, on the ground that this would amount to a complete surrender of their bargaining power.

LATER.
The miners also demanded the re-establishment of the national profits pool and the national wage basis as the condition for re-opening negotiations, but the Premier said that the Government was unable to accede to the demand.

The miners' Executive, then, returned to their headquarters.

There will be a full conference of the Triple Alliance this afternoon.

The situation is regarded as most grave in Trade Union quarters.

LATER.

Though the resumption of coal negotiations is still confidently expected there is a distinct war-time atmosphere. People have been rushing to buy flour, cereals and tinned foods, despite official warnings.

The Dora regulations will be applied to prevent hoarding, as there are ample stocks of food in the country, and the Government has organised a special system of transport, especially paying attention to supplies of milk for mothers and children.

Movements of troops are proceeding, but they are kept most secret, while destroyers have been ordered to ports where trouble in connection with bunkering of ships may be expected in the event of a strike.

YAP.

WASHINGTON, April 7th.
The Government has sent similar Notes to Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan, it is understood, dealing not only with the question of mandates, but covering all American rights arising from the war.

The Notes reiterate the right of the United States to participate in the peace settlements, and refer specifically to the case of the Island of Yap.

They state that the Government of the United States must insist that it has lost no right or interest in the island as it existed prior to any action on the part of the Supreme Council or the League of Nations, and it cannot recognise the allocation of the island or the validity of the mandate given to Japan over it.

MANDATES AND THE LEAGUE.

London, April 7th.
In the course of a statement as regards the League's allocation and approval of mandates, Sir Eric Drummond declared that the League had no power to vary the mandatories' expenditure, nor to prohibit the submission of the mandates to the mandatories' Parliaments before acceptance. The latter was a constitutional question, determinable by individual mandates.

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THE QUEST OF MOHAMMED'S
SACRED SLIPPER SERIES.II.—THE FIGHT FOR THE
SAFE.

BY SAXE ROHMER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

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Prof. Deeping's famous Orientalist, stole Mohammed's slipper and took it to England, thereby bringing down on himself and all others who had anything to do with it the wrath of the Hashishin, a Moslem sect that guarded the relics of the Prophet. Deeping, in his efforts to find the slipper, had to kill the body of Cavanagh. Head in the story of the meeting with Hassan of Aleppo, his second encounter with the girl of the violet eyes, and his harrowing experience in the moonlight in the room where Deeping was killed.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Rawson, "that great personal danger attaches to any contact with this relic. It is the first time I have been concerned with anything of the kind."

Mr. Bristol, of Scotland Yard, standing stiffly military by the window, looked across at the gray-haired solicitor. We were all silent for a few moments.

"Mysterious outrages," said Bristol, "have marked the progress of the stolen slipper from Mecca almost to London."

"I understand," interrupted the solicitor, "that a fanatic known as Hassan of Aleppo seeks to restore the relic to its former resting-place?"

"That is so."

"Exactly; and it counts for the professor's wish that the safe should not be touched by any one but a Moslem—for his instructions that its removal to the Antiquarians' Museum and the placing of the slipper within that institution be undertaken by a Moslem or Moslems."

Bristol frowned.

"Any one who has touched the receptacle containing the thing," he said, "has either been mutilated or murdered. I want to apprehend the author of those outrages, but I fail to see why the slipper should be put on exhibition. Other crimes are sure to follow."

"I can only pursue my instructions," said Mr. Rawson, dryly. "They are, that the work be done in such a manner as to expose all concerned to a minimum of risk from these mysterious people; that it is possible a Moslem be employed for the purpose; and that Mr. Cavanagh, here, shall always hold the key or keys to the case in the museum containing the slipper. Will you undertake to look for some Eastern workman, Mr. Bristol? In the course of your inquiries you may possibly come across such a person."

"I can try," replied Bristol. "Meanwhile, I take it, the safe must remain at Dulwich?"

"Certainly, and it should be guarded."

Shortly afterward Bristol and I left the office and, his duties taking him to Scotland Yard, I returned to my

"From the papers, Mr. Cavanagh," began the old man, "I have learned of the circumstances attending the death of Prof. Deeping. Your paper"—he smiled, and I thought how like his smile in its sweetness was to that of a late cardinal—"your paper know all? Now, I understand why a Moslem is required and I understand what is required of him. But, remembering that the object of his labour would be to place a holy Moslem relic on exhibition for the amusement of unbelievers, can you fairly expect to obtain the service of one?"

"Perhaps not," I replied. "For my part I should wish to see the slipper back in Mecca, or wherever it came from. But Prof. Deeping—"

"Prof. Deeping was a thorn in the flesh of the Faithful!"

"Nevertheless his wishes must be considered," I said, "and the methods adopted by those who seek to recover the relic are such as to alienate all sympathy."

"I can admit nothing against the Guardian of the Traditions, Mr. Cavanagh! The Prophet taught that we should smite the infidel. I ask you—have you the courage of your convictions?"

"Perhaps I trust so."

"Then assist me to rid England of what you call a survival of the dark ages. I will furnish the porters to remove and carry the safe, if you will deliver to me the key."

"That is madness!" I cried. "In the first place I should be compromising with my conscience and in the second place I should be defenceless against those who might—"

"I have with me a written promise from one highly placed—one to whose will Hassan of Aleppo bows!"

My mind greatly disturbed, I watched the venerable speaker. I was sorely tempted to accede to his proposal. For nothing would be gained by any one if the slipper remained forever at the museum, whereas by conniving at its recovery by those who, after all, were its rightful owners I should be ridding England of a weird and undesirable visitor.

I think I should have agreed, when I remembered that the Hashishin had murdered Prof. Deeping and had mutilated others wholly innocent of offence. I looked across at the old man. He had drawn himself up to his great height and, for the first time fully raising his lids, had fixed upon me the piercing gaze of a pair of eagle eyes. I started, for the aspect of this majestic figure was entirely different from that of the old stranger who had stood suppliant before me a moment ago.

"It is impossible," I said: "I can come to no terms with those who shield murderers."

He regarded me fixedly, but did not move.

"Es-saam' alekum!" ("Peace be on you") I added, closing the interview in the Eastern manner.

"Wa-alekum!" ("and on you") he said.

I conducted him to the door and closed it upon his exit. In his last salut I had noticed the flashing of a ring which he wore upon his left hand. And he was gone scarce ten seconds when my heart began to beat furiously. I snatched up the Assyrian Mythology and with trembling fingers turned to a certain page. There I read:

"... Each Sheik of the Assassins is said to be invested with the Ring of the Prophet." It bears a green stone, shaped in the form of a scimitar or crescent..."

"God in heaven!" I whispered. "It was Hassan of Aleppo!"

On the following morning I was awakened by the arrival of Bristol. I hastened to admit him.

"Your visitor of yesterday," began he, "has wasted no time!"

"What has happened?"

"I don't know!" he replied. "Of course, it was no surprise to find that there isn't a Moslem who'll lay his little finger on Prof. Deeping's safe! There's no doubt in my mind that every lascar at the docks knows Hassan of Aleppo to be in England."

Some other arrangement will have to be arrived at if the thing is ever to be taken to the Antiquarians' Museum. Meanwhile we stand to lose it. Last night," he went on, "a policeman was on duty outside the late professor's house, and two detectives were actually in the room where the safe is. Result—some one has put in at least an hour's work on the lock, but it proved too tough a job!"

"Some one has been at the lock!" I cried. "But that is impossible, with two men, in the room—unless—"

He raised his thin hand.

"I am not undertaking it myself. I wished to explain to you the conditions under which I could arrange to keys to the case in the museum containing the slipper. Will you undertake to look for some Eastern workman, Mr. Bristol? In the course of your inquiries you may possibly come across such a person."

"I can try," replied Bristol. "Meanwhile, I take it, the safe must remain at Dulwich?"

"Certainly, and it should be guarded."

He entered, with that Oriental meekness in which there is something majestic. I placed a chair for him in the study, and re-seated myself at the table.

They were badly shaken, and one had a cracked skull. The constable was conscious again, too."

"What! Was he attacked?"

"In exactly the same way! Marden said they were sitting in the study,

smoking and with both windows open.

It was a fearfully hot night. West sat in an armchair near the writing table; Marden sat by the window next to the door. I had arranged that every hour one of them should go out to the gate and take the constable's report. It was just after Marden had been out at 1 o'clock that it happened.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACE-MAKERS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—I write to suggest that your "Brawling Sailors" leader should be reprinted and some effort made to get it into the hands of those concerned—the sailor lads, to whom its obvious common sense, its clarity and sincerity, should appeal.

Not a few civilians might also have a copy presented them. If this idea appeals to other of your readers, perhaps they would join me in defraying the cost of carrying out this suggestion.

It seems appalling the apathy which the surface, exists, in the important matters which lie at our very doors. The Protestant Bishop prates about "the great possibilities" of the work of his Diocese and does nothing in a matter in which his professed knowledge of men would lead one to believe he would shine. The R.C. Bishop appoints a day of prayer—in behalf of propaganda press peculiar to his own beliefs. The Padres are numm, and the other "leaders" are too engrossed in shares, tennis competitions, golf, and dancing to bother their heads about anything outside these attractions—Yours,

ABOU BEN ADHEM.

Hongkong, April 7, 1921.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

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MR. PIM PASSES BY.

"Mr. Pim Passes By" is one of the newest and best plays in the H. B. Waring repertoire. It is a delightful mixture of comedy and drama and gives the artists a very fine opportunity of displaying their ability to the utmost. The part of Mr. Pim is played by Christian Morrow, whilst Miss Rita Ricardo and Chas. Quartermaine enact the role of Olivia and George Marden respectively. In the peaceful home of the Mardens fate one day sends Mr. Pim—poor Mr. Pim of very uncertain memory and feeble mind. Before he leaves, however, he has resurrected a dead husband, proved poor Olivia not to be really married to her present husband and has upset things generally. Quite unconscious of the terrible grief into which he has plunged the house Mr. Pim takes his departure, only to return later to inform the family that he had confused the names and the information given applies to some one totally unknown to them. A charming love story of a certain Brian Strange, a painter (Mr. James Joliffe) and Diana, the niece and pet of the household (Miss Edith Smith) runs through the play and makes it not only one of great interest and charm but full of delightful touches of humour and pathos. Miss May Hallatt as Lady Marden is particularly good.

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MR. HICKSON'S FORTCOMING VISIT.

With the cordial approval of the Senior Chaplain, and under sanction of the Bishop of the Diocese, Mr. J. M. Hickson will conduct a Mission of Healing at the Cathedral during the week following Sunday, April 10.

Tee s.s. "Takada" by which he is travelling has not yet left Singapore. A detailed list of Services will be published as soon after the Mission's arrival as possible.

No charge is made for ministering to the sick and suffering, but any who wish to return thanks, and express their appreciation to Mr. Hickson, can do so through their thank-offerings which may be placed in the Alms Boxes at the Church doors, or sent to him personally at the Cathedral.

It is to be understood that Mr. Hickson receives all offerings, because out of this he has to meet all expenses of the Mission, as well as those of the work left in England.

Approved.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$89,000 in aid of the vote Harbour Department, A—Harbour Office, Other Charges, purchase of buoys and mooring.

The Chairman: The number of ships visiting the port, and a certain number

of 2 A class and 4 B class with the necessary anchors and cables. This sum is the amount required for doing the work as possible.

The management much regret to

announce that owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Company will be unable to present "Afgur" on Monday, April 11, but will do so on their return to Hongkong. On Monday, April 11, the farewell night of the Company. A Grand Pot Pourri consisting of The Gems of the Repertoire will be presented by the Company at full strength. Seats already booked for Afgur will hold good for the Pot Pourri or money will be refunded on application before noon on Monday, April 11.

Last night the Company's capable presentation of "Irene," from the London Comedy Theatre, was received with undiminished enthusiasm by yet another crowded house. Of

the same high order were the contributions, both individual and concerted, while the dresses, scenery, and orchestra effects were again a notable feature. The gratifying success achieved was fully deserved.

Approved.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$7,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads: Pokfulum Road: Improve-

ments.

The Chairman: This is for widening

a portion of the Pokfulum Road

from the junction of Victoria Road to

Aberdeen Dock.

A supplementary vote of \$15,000 was provided for this, but owing to the large amount of rock work it was found insufficient

and this \$7,000 is required to com-

plete the work.

(To be continued.)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE VOTES EXPLAINED.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the adjournment of the Council, yesterday the Colonial Secretary presiding.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$35 in aid of the vote Public Works Establishment, Special Expenditure, Type-

writer.

The Chairman: Typewriters have

been purchased for the Public Works

Department and the amount provided

in the estimate was not sufficient,

so this small amount is asked for.

Approved.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,200 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, Maintenance of Way and Works, Personal Encumbrants.

The Chairman: This sum is required for the salary of Mr. Fenwick, an additional engineer of the Railway Department. His salary is £700 a year, with \$100 a month house allowance.

Approved.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$290 in aid of the vote Education, Special Expenditure, Department of Director of Education Equipment of Kowloon British School, (Furniture and Materials).

The Chairman: This sum is required for the salary of Mr. Fenwick, an additional engineer of the Railway Department. His salary is £700 a year, with \$100 a month house allowance.

Approved.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$290 in aid of the vote Education, Special Expenditure, Department of Director of Education Equipment of Kowloon British School, (Furniture and Materials).

The Chairman: The numbers at the Kowloon British School have increased greatly and it has been necessary to indent at once for maps, books and other material for the school because there is not enough of these things. The present vote is \$3,000 and this provision will be exceeded by \$288.34, so we are on the safe side in asking for \$290.

Approved.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, branch road, from road contouring hillside in Wongneichong and Tai Hang Valleys, to Wanchai Gap.

The Chairman: There was a sum of \$7,500 set aside in last year's estimate for surfacing this branch road with asphaltum. Only one coating could be put on before the end of the year. This is in the nature of the re-vote to complete the second coating.

The Hon. Mr. Rollock: Is this a motor road?

The Director of Public Works: Yes.

Approved.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,650 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Grant in aid of other Institutions, Imperial Institute.

The Chairman: The Government has

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

Apr. 8—C.N. Hupeh.
18—L.C.S.N. Chinkiang.
19—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.
20—C.N. Luchow.
21—D.L. Haikow.
14—L.C.S.N. Choyang.
18—L.C.S.N. Fooching.

AMOY.

Apr. 8—C.N. Team.
10—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.
12—C.N. Sintiang.
13—D.L. Haikow.

FOOCHOW.

Apr. 13—D.L. Haikow.

SHANGHAI.

Apr. 8—C.N. Chendu.
11—L.C.S.N. Tungting.
12—C.N. Sungshing.
13—L.C.S.N. Kweigang.
13—N.Y.K. Dakar Maru.
14—C.N. Soochow.
14—D.L. Takada.
14—L.C.S.N. Choyang.
15—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
16—C.N. Yingchow.
27—R.F. Demodocus.
May 5—R.F. Hector.
May 9—R.F. Archives.

TIENTSIN.

Apr. 12—L.C.S.N. Chongching.

TSINGTAO.

Apr. 8—C.N. Chenan.
14—L.C.S.N. Choyang.
16—C.N. Yingchow.

KEELUNG.

Apr. 10—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru.

PUKOW.

Apr. 12—C.N. Sintiang.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Apr. 8—L.C.S.N. Takao.
Apr. 12—C.N. Kaifox.

SAIGON.

Apr. 10—A.L. Cadaretta.
18—M.M. Cibil.
20—A.L. Late Farrar.
May 1—O.S.K. Shien Maru.
18—A.L. Lake Onawa.

BANGKOK.

Apr. 10—L.C.S.N. Chensan.
15—L.C.S.N. Fortune.
May 1—O.S.K. Shien Maru.

SINGAPORE.

Apr. 8—C.N. Hupeh.
12—C.N. Luchow.
May 1—O.S.K. Shien Maru.
18—A.L. Lake Onawa.
June 23—C.M. Nile.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

MANILA.
Apr. 9—A.L. Croskeys.
June 4—C.M. Naoki.

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Apr. 8—B.L. (D&Co) Cheribon M.
10—J.C.J.L. Tijan.
9—A.L. Cebu.
10—J.C.J.L. Tijan.
12—B.L. Tidibao.
12—J.C.J.L. Tidibao.
May 12—B.L. Lake Onawa.

IR. W PORTS, ETC.

C CUTTA.
(V.L. Ascoos).
Apr. 8—B.L. Gregory Apar.
12—L.O.S.N. Namang.
16—R.I. Tijan.
17—N.Y.K. Rangoon Maru.
May 4—B.L. Takada.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Apr. 10—O.S.K. Tidibao Maru.
18—P.O. Tidibao Maru.
21—N.Y.K. Wakasa Maru.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

SIDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Apr. 8—C.A. Hawa Fing.
13—E.A. Eastern.
19—N.Y.K. Nikko Maru.
22—C.A. Victoria.
30—A.G. Changsha.
May 2—E.A. Kaikawa.
17—N.Y.K. Ad Maru.

JAPAN PORTS.

Apr. 12—P.O. Nakoya.
12—N.Y.K. Ad Maru.
13—C.A. Nakoya Maru.
17—N.Y.K. Tidibao.
18—N.Y.K. Tidibao.
24—B.L. Tidibao.
25—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
26—B.L. Tidibao.
27—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
28—B.L. Ad Maru.

LIVERPOOL.

Apr. 12—B.F. Atrium.
15—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
May 17—B.F. Demodocus.

ROTTERDAM.

Apr. 13—B.F. Atrium.
15—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
May 17—B.F. Demodocus.

AMSTERDAM.

Apr. 13—B.F. Atrium.
15—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
May 17—B.F. Demodocus.

HAMBURG.

Apr. 10—J.C.J.L. Agerman.
18—B.F. Tidibao.
19—N.Y.K. Tidibao.
24—B.L. Tidibao.
15—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
16—P.O. Kanawha.
17—B.F. Ad Maru.

TOKYO.

Apr. 12—P.O. Nikko Maru.
12—B.L. Tidibao.
13—B.F. Tidibao.
14—B.F. Tidibao.
15—B.F. Tidibao.
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VANCOUVER.
Apr. 11—O.S.K. Arabia Maru.
13—B.F. Tyndares.
14—A.L. Crookshanks.
22—S.D. Empress of Russia.
23—C.P.O.S. Empress of Japan.
May 10—C.P.O.S. Harold Dollar.
June 18—D.L. Melville Dollar.
26—C.P.O.S. Empress of Asia.
28—C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.
Sept. 20—C.P.O.S. Montague.
Empress of Japan.

VICTORIA.

Apr. 11—O.S.K. Arabia Maru.
13—B.F. Tyndares.
14—A.L. Crookshanks.
20—N.Y.K. Kuchina Maru.
21—N.Y.K. Wrenthorpe.
31—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru.

BEATLE.

Apr. 11—O.S.K. Arabia Maru.
15—W.L. Delight.
16—A.L. Crookshanks.
22—S.D. West Iris.
23—C.P.O.S. Melville Dollar.
May 14—A.L. Wrenthorpe.
31—N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru.

FACOMA.

Apr. 11—O.S.K. Arabia Maru.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Apr. 11—O.S.K. Arabia Maru.

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SAN FRANCISCO.

Apr. 15—S.D. West Iris.

17—C.M.S. Nile.

25—S.D. West Iris.

27—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru.

May 14—T.K.K. Persia Maru.

25—C.M.S. China.

25—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru.

21—T.K.K. Siberia Maru.

21—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru.

PORTLAND.

Apr. 11—A.L. Montague.

VALPARAISO.

VIA JAPAN, HONGKONG, SAN FRANCISCO, SAY PEDRO, SALINOS, CALIBAO, CALLAO, ARICA & IQUITOS.

Apr. 12—C.N. Sintiang.

NEW YORK.

(VIA PANAMA).

Apr. 11—R.L. W.H. Webb.

19—B.F. Kwazi.

May 1—B.F. Kuroza.

10—D.L. Harold Dollar.

18—D.L. Melville Dollar.

25—D.L. S.M. Dollar.

25—(VIA SIC) Strozzi.

Apr. 25—R.F. City of Dunkirk.

May 12—B.F. Knight Companion.

21—B.F. Katsuo.

26—B.F. Telemachus.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.

(VIA SINGAPORE, BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS AND MATEUS).

Apr. 14—O.S.K. Mexico Maru.

EUROPEAN PORTS.

PINDIS, VENICE, & TRIESTE.

Apr. 22—L.T. Trieste.

May 18—L.T. Persia.

MARSELLES.

Apr. 18—M.L. Chili.

LONDON.

Apr. 13—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru.

15—N.Y.K. Kiano Maru.

16—B.F. Atreus.

16—P.O. Rhyber.

18—E.L. Kisto.

18—O.R.K. Sorma Maru.

19—N.Y.K. Theurus.

24—N.Y.K. Cheshire.

24—P.F. Elveron.

27—P.O. Devonia.

29—P.O. Sondan.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

COAL STRIKE.

RAILWAYMEN DECIDED.

LONDON, April 7.

The delegate conference of the Railwaymen's Union unanimously decided that the miners were justified in refusing to accept the conditions offered them. The railwaymen feel that acceptance of the conditions by the miners would be the beginning of a general attack on working class conditions and an attempt to re-establish the pre-war standard. The railwaymen therefore have decided to invite the transport workers to join in immediate consultation with the object of taking the most effective and speedy steps to assist the miners.

STILL HOPE.

LONDON, April 7.

The local authorities have been instructed to enrol special constables. The situation to-night, though grave, is not devoid of hope. It is believed that certain influential Labour leaders are exercising pressure on the miners with view to creating an atmosphere favourable to peace parley. It is considered significant that to-night's Triple Alliance conference was not held in spite of the fact that both the railwaymen and transport workers have reached decisions apparently clearing the way for the Triple Alliance to move. It is also noted that neither of these decisions contains specific reference to a strike. Meanwhile, it is understood that the Cabinet is united and unflinching on the questions of subsidy and no control.

ALLEGED ADULTERY.

PRIVY COUNCIL HEARS ARCHDEACON'S APPEAL.

LONDON, April 8.

The interest of the crowds in Downing Street was divided to-day in watching the arrivals at the coal conference and the proceedings of the judicial committee of the Privy Council which is hearing the appeal of Archdeacon Wakeford. This is the first time in thirty years that the Privy Council has heard an appeal from the Consistory Court. Lord Birkenhead, presided, assisted by Lords Buckmaster, Dunedin and Shaw, with the Bishops of London, Gloucester, Rochester and Ely as ecclesiastical assessors, with a formidable array of counsel headed by Sir Edward Carson for the appellant and Mr. Douglas Hogg, K.C., for the Bishop of Lincoln who is cited as respondent as head of the Lincoln Consistory Court. Members of the public were chiefly women and a few clergymen.

[A London cable dated February 28, stated: The judicial committee of the Privy Council has granted Archdeacon Wakeford leave to appeal. The Archdeacon pressed that the judgment of the Lincoln Consistory Court was not in accordance with the facts, also that fresh evidence had been discovered and that one of the assessors of the court had pre-judged his case by a statement he made on the eve of the trial.]

STRAITS AND BOLSHEVISM.

REPORT MADE BY THE GOVERNOR.

LONDON, April 7.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Leonard Lyle, Colonel Amery stated that no report of Bolshevik activities in the Straits Settlements and Malaya States had been received from the Governor and High Commissioner. The Soviet's undertaking to refrain from conducting any official propaganda applies to British Malaya. He pointed out that the laws of the Straits Settlements and Malaya prohibit the circulation of sedition publications under stringent penalties.

GERMANS BANNED.

SPECIAL PERMITS FOR ADMISSION TO OUR COLONIES.

LONDON, April 7.

In the House of Commons, Sir W. de Frece asked what arrangements had been made to regulate the return of Germans to portions of the British Empire directly administered by the Colonial Office. Colonel Amery replied that any ex-enemy alien seeking admission to a colony or protectorate during the next three years must have a permit signed by the colonial secretary or other corresponding officer of the colony or protectorate.

UPPER SILESIA.

GERMANY'S REQUEST TO THE ALLIES.

BERLIN, April 8.

A German note to the Entente governments requests that the territories of Upper Silesia in which the plebiscite was taken be integrally assigned to Germany on the ground that Germany secured two-thirds of the votes of the country and an overwhelming majority of the communes, also claiming that Silesian and German existence and prosperity are interdependent, and promising to protect the Polish minority and grant the Poles assistance and concessions.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

(Continued from page 4)

FUNCTION OF THE UNIVERSITY.
My last point is our relation to other British educational establishments in China. Let me say that we have no kind of claim upon them, but so far as they desire or should desire that we should become the crowning point of the educational edifice of which they are all component parts, then I do think we are bound to accede to their wishes. One is aware that for some of them education is not the primary consideration, but I venture to hope that it is a sufficient meeting ground. And wherever that has been accomplished, we shall, I believe, have to consider how an increasing part of the work, which now falls within the programme of the first two years of our University curriculum, shall be largely done in

these other establishments, and in that direction lies, your Excellency, in my belief, the true organisation of higher education.

You made the remark, your Excellency, in speaking of myself as that

successor of Sir Charles Elliott that it was not from his hands that my office was handed over to me. During the last two strenuous years,

Professor Jordan, first as Pro-Chancellor and then as Acting Vice-Chancellor has fulfilled the duties of that office. (Applause.) I was met by him on arrival, I have received from him every courtesy; he has discussed with me our difficulties and our problems. Having heard his views as to University problems, as to the relations of staff and students, and as to what the University is destined to accomplish, I only add to my testimony in taking on my present post. It is to take up his official records and they rejoiced to find in those records all those good qualities which they looked up to his official records and they rejoiced to find in those records all those good qualities which they considered essential for the position which he now occupied. They therefore had confidence that in

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to be done, and that work, under the guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, he

had no doubt would be accomplished. (Applause.) The Vice-Chancellor

would excuse them for the natural

curiosity that prompted them to

look up his official records and they

rejoiced to find in those records all

those good qualities which they

considered essential for the position

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University, now occupied, and its

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